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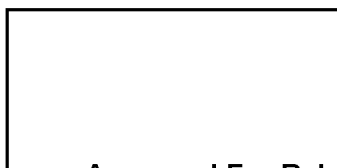
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\*YEMEN {ADEN}: A RECENT OVERTURE FROM YEMEN {ADEN} ON RESUMING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE US IS LOOKED ON FAVORABLY BY NEIGHBORING YEMEN {SANA}, DESPITE INCREASING BORDER TENSION BETWEEN THE TWO YEMENS. IN LATE JUNE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AN ADENI DIPLOMAT IN ETHIOPIA APPROACHED A US OFFICIAL WITH AN "OFFICIALLY SANCTIONED" OFFER TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF RE-ESTABLISHING ADEN-US RELATIONS. THERE HAS BEEN NO FOLLOW-UP TO THE APPROACH, HOWEVER. PRESIDENT IRYANI OF YEMEN {SANA}, WHOSE GOVERNMENT VIEWS ADEN AS A HOSTILE POWER INTENT ON OVERTHROWING SANA, HAS EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT A RESUMPTION OF US RELATIONS WITH ADEN, RATHER THAN DAMAGING SANA'S INTERESTS, WOULD ADD BALANCE AND OFFSET SOVIET INFLUENCE IN ADEN. ADEN'S OTHER ARABIAN PENINSULA NEIGHBORS, SAUDI ARABIA AND OMAN, ARE NOT LIKELY TO FAVOR A RENEWAL OF ADEN-US RELATIONS. [REDACTED]

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